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SUBJECT:COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT: LETTER FROM THE
SECRETARY

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE TEXT OF THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM
THE SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER RAJARATNAM. IT IS NOT
REPEAT NOT PLANNED TO SEND SIGNED ORIGINALS.

2. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. MINISTER: WE HAVE BEEN REVIEW-
ING CAREFULLY THE ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO THE UNITED STATES
THAT MAY COME UP AT THE COLOMBO MEETING OF THE NON-ALIGNED
STATES AND, SUBSEQUENTLY, AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NEXT
FALL. OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO US ARE THE QUESTIONS OF
PUERTO RICO AND KOREA. I KNOW YOU SHARE MY CONCERN HAT
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IRRESPONSIBLE CONSIDERATION OF THESE MATTERS NOT DIVERT US

FROM THE URGENT BUSINESS THAT LIES BEFORE US. I WOULD THEREFORE LIKE TO REINFORCE THE DISCUSSIONS THAT OUR OFFICIALS HAVE RECENTLY HELD ON THESE SUBJECTS BY PERSONALLY REVIEWING FOR YOU OUR POSITION ON THEM.

ON PUERTO RICO, OUR POLICY IS BASED ON COMPLETE ACCEPTANCE OF PUERTO RICO'S RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION. THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO APPROVED THEIR CONSTITUTION AND COMMONWEALTH STATUS IN 1952 AND REAFFIRMED THAT CHOICE IN A 1967

REFERENDUM. THE UNITED NATIONS EXPLICITLY RECOGNIZED THE SELF-GOVERNING STATUS OF PUERTO RICO AND REMOVED PUERTO RICO FROM THE LIST OF NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES IN 1953. WE ASSURED THE UNITED NATIONS AT THAT TIME THAT, IF THE PUERTO RICAN LEGISLATURE SHOULD ADOPT A RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF INDEPENDENCE AT ANY TIME IN THE FUTURE, THE PRESIDENT WOULD RECOMMEND TO THE CONGRESS THAT INDEPENDENCE BE GRANTED.

IN VIEW OF THIS, DISCUSSION OF PUERTO RICO'S STATUS BY ANY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OR ASSEMBLY WOULD BE AN UNWARRANTED INTRUSION INTO THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED STATES AND PUERTO RICO. THE UNITED STATES CAME INTO POSSESSION OF VARIOUS NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS CENTURY AND EACH HAS BEEN ABLE TO CHOOSE THE COURSE IT WISHED TO FOLLOW. THE PHILIPPINES CHOSE INDEPENDENCE (1947); HAWAII, STATEHOOD; AND PUERTO RICO, A SPECIAL COMMONWEALTH RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S. WHICH CONTINUES TO EVOLVE. SO LONG AS THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO WISH TO CONTINUE THIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES, ANY OUTSIDE DISCUSSION OF THIS RELATIONSHIP CAN ONLY BE OFFENSIVE TO US AND THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO. PRESIDENT FORD MADE THIS POINT WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS WHEN HE VISITED PUERTO RICO IN JUNE WHEN HE SAID THAT THOSE WHO MIGHT BE INCLINED TO INTERVENE IN OUR FREELY DETERMINED RELATIONS SHOULD KNOW THAT SUCH AN ACT WOULD BE CONSIDERED INTERVENTION IN THE DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF PUERTO RICO AND THE UNITED STATES. I AM SURE THAT YOU WILL UNDERSTAND OUR STRONG FEELINGS IN THIS MATTER.

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WITH REGARD TO KOREA, WE DO NOT, AND WE BELIEVE MOST U.N. MEMBERS DO NOT, WISH TO SEE THE KOREAN ISSUE BECOME AGAIN A WASTEFUL AND CONTENTIOUS CONTROVERSY USELESSLY DIVERTING THE ENERGIES OF THE UNGA. HOWEVER, IF IMPORTANT GROUPS WITHIN THE U.N. MEMBERSHIP ACCEDE TO PRESSURES TO ENDORSE THE NORTH KOREAN POSITION --SUCH AS ABOLISHING THE UN COMMAND WITHOUT FIRST ENSURING CONTINUITY OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT,OR ALTERING THE

MILITARY BALANCE WHICH HAS PRESERVED PEACE FOR 23 YEARS -- IT IS ALMOST INEVITABLE THAT WE WILL BE FACED WITH A CHALLENGE IN THE UNGA TO WHICH WE WILL BE OBLIGED TO RESPOND ENERGETICALLY. FOR THIS REASON I BELIEVE YOU WOULD DO A SERVICE TO PEACE AND STABILITY IN THAT AREA BY ADVOCATING THAT STATEMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL FORA ON THIS ISSUE EMPHASIZE ONLY THE NEED FOR A CONCILIATORY POSTURE BY THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED AND THE RESUMPTION OF THE DIALOGUE TO WHICH THEY AGREED

IN 1972.

ON JULY 22 I PUBLICLY RENEWED MY PROPOSAL FOR A CONFERENCE OF INTERESTED PARTIES ON KOREA SUGGESTING THAT IT TAKE PLACE THIS FALL AND THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE STARTED IMMEDIATELY. I HOPE YOU WILL GIVE CAREFUL AND SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO THIS PROPOSAL AS IT MAY RELATE TO FUTURE INTERNATIONAL CONSIDERATION OF THIS ISSUE. AMBASSADOR HOLDRIDGE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE TEXT OF MY PROPOSAL.

SINCE THERE IS WITHIN THE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE U.N. A WIDE RANGE OF VIEWS ON PUERTO RICO AND KOREA, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN PREVENTING CONTENTIOUS POSITIONS FROM EMERGING ON EITHER ISSUE AT COMING MEETINGS, IN THE FIRST CASE BY AVOIDANCE OF THE ISSUE ALTOGETHER, AND IN THE SECOND BY THE ADVOCACY OF A CONSTRUCTIVE MINIMAL POSITION WHICH CAN BE THE BASIS FOR CONCILIATION. RESPECTFULLY, HENRY A. KISSINGER.
END QUOTE.

3. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO TREAT FOREGOING AS PRIVILEGED, PRIVATE CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN SECRETARY AND RECIPIENT. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO DISCOURAGE GOS FROM RELEASE IF CONFIDENTIAL

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ISSUE IS RAISED.

4. YOU SHOULD HAVE PRESIDENT'S PUERTO RICO SPEECH (STATE 159509) AVAILABLE IN EVENT THERE IS INTEREST IN SOURCE OF PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT TO WHICH MESSAGE REFERS.

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